

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED WAY

**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the United Way.

In 1887 in Denver, Colorado, a local woman, a priest, two ministers and a rabbi came together to work to solve the poverty facing their community. The first United Way formed a network of organizations to support local charities as well as to coordinate relief services, counsel and refer clients to cooperating agencies, and make emergency assistance grants to those most in need. The group of networks rose from humble beginnings and became the United Way, a united movement committed to improving communities around the world.

What they began 125 years ago now comprises nearly 1,800 community-based United Ways in 41 countries and territories. Today the United Way is the world's largest privately-sponsored nonprofit.

Today, United Way continues the spirit of service to move toward a world where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income stability and healthy lives. Every year the United Way raises nearly \$5 billion dollars for the simple purpose to advance the common good. Working collaboratively, the United Way brings together the actions of millions of individuals to resolve pressing community issues. As a worldwide organization, it is remarkable how effective the United Way is at targeting local initiatives and bringing tangible services to our communities.

We must also attribute 125 years of United Way's success to the imaginative, passionate group of leaders, community volunteers, and partners on the local and state level. Today, United Ways in Iowa's 2nd District are working diligently to ensure the scope and depth of United Way's vision is applied to the specific needs of individuals and local charities in our community. United Way of East Central Iowa, United Way of Johnson County, Inc., United Way of Wapello County, and Burlington/W. Burlington Area United Way continue to give, advocate, and volunteer to help people in need. On United Way's 125th Anniversary, we commend our local United Ways' commitment and contributions that effectively make a difference every day in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CALIFORNIA FLOWER MARKET

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of a place filled with vibrant colors, tantalizing fragrances, delicate shapes and magic—the California Flower Market in San Francisco. The market is flowers galore and it's impossible to be there without feeling uplifted. I'm a proud and frequent customer at this special place that is also a great boost to our local economy.

The California Flower Market, spanning a block between 5th and 6th Streets on Brannan Street, was established by Japanese-American flower growers a century ago. The growers needed a place to sell their products and founded one of the first Japanese-American corporations in California to do so. The pioneering Issei—the first Japanese immigrants to North America, South America and Australia—honed their growing and flower arranging skills and made significant contributions to the development of the community.

Today, over 50 vendors sell their flowers to 4,000 trade buyers, which include retailers, whole sellers, party planners and interior decorators, and to the public directly. The California Flower Market is an oasis in the South of Market area of San Francisco. I personally welcome any opportunity I have to stroll through the market and pick out a perfectly grown Phalaenopsis, a blossom-covered Christmas cactus or an Ikebana arrangement.

But history wasn't always bright at the California Flower Market. During the shameful era of World War II's internment of Japanese-Americans, flower markets throughout California went from Japanese control to non-Japanese control in a matter of months.

The United States sent 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry to internment camps along the Pacific Coast. Most of them were American-born citizens and hard-working, law-abiding people. The majority of them remained silent about their experiences in the camps and later picked up the pieces of their broken lives and built new communities. The flower growers were among them. While in the camps, the flower growers association worked hard to remain organized and give growers hope for the future. In the 1950's Japanese-Americans rebuilt their prominence in the floricultural industry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the California Flower Market on its 100th Anniversary. It is a symbol of lasting and resilient beauty that cannot be suppressed, only enjoyed.

COUNTERFEIT DRUG PENALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 18, 2012*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3668, the Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act. I have worked with Representative MEEHAN, worked for quite a while on this issue and it's rewarding to see that bipartisan, practical ideas still have a place in this body.

H.R. 3668 will raise the penalties for counterfeit medicines, a unique consumer health and safety problem. This legislation is needed, bipartisan, and non-controversial.

Counterfeit drug enterprises jeopardize the public's safety and I believe perpetrators should be held accountable.

Unlike other consumer goods, counterfeit medicines pose a significant public health and safety threat to the innocent, sick patients who receive them.

H.R. 3668 will help protect seniors and children, who are uniquely vulnerable, as well as anyone who could be harmed by fraudulent medicines.

We must have tougher penalties for crimes that are a threat to public safety.

H.R. 3668 ensures this and I encourage my colleagues to support this straightforward, reasonable approach.

HONORING KENDRA HAYWOOD

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable valedictorian, Ms. Kendra Haywood. Kendra is the daughter of Mr. Kenneth Haywood Sr. and Mrs. Jacklon Haywood and resides in Shelby, Mississippi. Kendra is a member of Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as the Sunday School Secretary and volunteers with various auxiliaries in the church. She is a senior at Broad Street High School in Shelby, Mississippi and graduated on May 26, 2012.

Kendra acknowledged early on that it would take self-discipline and motivation to achieve her academic goals. So during the last three semesters of high school, she participated in Coahoma Community College Dual Enrollment Program, which allowed her to take college courses while still in high school.

Ms. Haywood is co-founder of Students Involved in Community Change (SICC), an organization that strives for both community and educational excellence. Students work with citizens in their community on beautification

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